

Books & BEYOND

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Happy Holidays from the Board and Staff of the Morton Grove Public Library!

Join us for special holiday programs that will entertain you with music of the season, provide helpful ideas and information about gift shopping, and present resources and demonstrations of festive table settings and gingerbread house decorations. There is something for everyone @ your Library!

'Tis the Season: Holiday Concert By Artists in Resonance

Sunday, December 18, 2 pm



Susan Bauschke



Regina Webster



Steven Arvanites



Stuart Bard

This seasoned quartet of theatrical vocalists – Susan Bauschke (soprano), Regina Webster (mezzo-soprano), Steven Arvanites (baritone), and Stuart Bard (tenor) – will entertain you with a concert of comic holiday pieces and beautiful ensembles from the stage world. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 1 pm.

guides, books, videos and audio-books to make your journey more enjoyable.

Holiday Table Setting and Napkin Folds

Saturday, November 19,
10 am – 12 noon

Transform and beautify your holiday table with things you already own. Philomena Urhausen, a certified Visual Coordinator, will demonstrate how to decorate your table with festive place settings and clever napkin folds. Registration required.



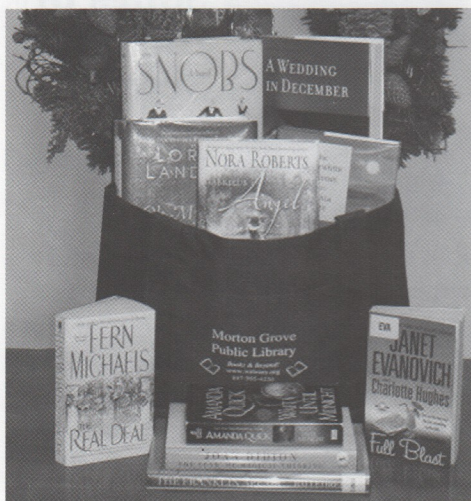
Gingerbread House Construction

Saturday, November 19, 2 pm

Celebrate any holiday with an original gingerbread house creation! There will be recipes, door prizes, and lots of fun for all ages when Master Chef Michael Niksic, raconteur and veteran of many televised cooking shows demonstrates how to construct and decorate gingerbread houses.

Registration required.

Books about gingerbread houses: *Making Gingerbread Houses: Dozens of Delectable Designs and Ideas* by Veronika Gunter
Gingerbread Houses by Nonnie Cargas



Books and A Library Book Bag: The Perfect Gift for Everyone on Your List

At holiday time, and throughout the year, a book bag filled with literary treats makes a charming present! Book bags are available at the Check-out Desk @ \$2.50 per bag.

Buy a bag for yourself, too! If you are traveling during the holidays, you can fill your bag with travel

Computer Classes

Tips & Tricks Using Excel: A Class in Two Parts

Tuesday, November 1, 7 pm

Tuesday, November 8, 7 pm

Jennifer Didier of Directions Training will present a lecture/demonstration on data management and spreadsheet techniques in Excel. Note: this is not a hands-on course. Registration is required; call 847-929-5101.

Computer Security

Saturday, November 12, 2 pm

Learn how to protect your computer from viruses, hackers, e-mail worms, Trojan horses, and other threats. Lou Torres, an expert on computer and data security, will present an

overview of how the Internet works, free computer security software, purchased security programs, how to protect your computer from power line dangers, and how to back up your data. Registration required.

Individual, Hands-on Tutorials

Morton Grove residents can learn how to use a computer with a one-on-one, hands-on tutorial guided by an MGPL Librarian. Call 847-929-5101 to schedule an appointment for one or more of these sessions:

- Using a computer mouse
- Basic Internet
- Setting up a free e-mail account
- Using iBistro, the Library's computer catalog
- Using EBSCO, the magazine database, for research

Gift Shopping Online

Saturday, November 12, 11 am

What are the trade-offs of doing your holiday shopping online versus through a catalog or going from store to store? Susan McGowan, Head of Reference Services, will demonstrate how to use the Internet to find gifts for everyone on your list, while saving time, money, and peace of mind. Registration required.



Working with an Architect

Thursday, November 3, 7 pm

Are you planning to build a new home, remodel your kitchen, or renovate a three-flat? DonnaLee Floeter and David Bradley, from the American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter, present a two-hour seminar to help you select an architect, understand the design and construction phases of a project, and create your dream house.

The Lewis and Clark Trail: American Landscapes

Sunday, November 20, 2 pm

Award-winning photographer and author Richard Mack will discuss his book, *The Lewis and Clark Trail: American Landscapes*. Selected

photographs from the book will be on exhibit in the Baxter Room, November 1 – 30.



Susan and Bill Goodman

Great American Songbook Sunday, November 6, 2 pm

You are sure to hear some of your all-time favorite American songs played by talented husband-and-wife duo, Bill and Susan Goodman.

Art Beyond Our Vision: Satellite Imagery Artwork by Larry Ammann and Stuart Black

Presented by Josh Schwartz

Tuesday, December 6, 7 pm

Tuesday, December 20, 11:30 am

Be sure to see the extraordinary exhibit of satellite imagery artwork by Larry Ammann and Stuart Black, December 1 – 30, in the Baxter Room. Josh Schwartz, founder of the ABOV Gallery in Chicago, will discuss this emerging art form derived from digital data transmitted from satellites over 400 miles above the earth. See if you can identify all the locations from a perspective far beyond the usual.



Golden Songs of the Silver Screen Sunday, November 13, 2 pm

Join us when singer, guitarist, and entertainer Steve Askins performs some of the best-loved songs of the cinema, featuring the music of Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, George M. Cohan, Rodgers and Hammerstein, and many others. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 1 pm.

LYRIC OPERA PROFILE

The Magic Flute

Sunday, December 11, 2 pm

Radio personality Carl Grapentine will present a profile of Mozart's *Magic Flute*, an allegorical fairy tale about a prince who is trying to prove he is worthy of marrying his beloved.

Babysitting Basics: A Two-Part Workshop

Tuesday, November 8, 3:45 – 5 pm
**Wednesday, November 9,
3:45 – 5 pm**

This workshop helps to prepare babysitters for the responsibilities of caring for young children. Morton Grove students age 12 and over are eligible to sign up for this workshop. Class size is limited to 15 participants. Non-residents may sign up on a waiting list and will be notified by phone if there is space available. Please call 847-929-5101.

Recorded Books from Voices of Vision

If you know someone who cannot read due to limited vision, or cannot hold a regular book due to disability or allergy, he or she may qualify for free services provided by Voices of Vision through the Library of Congress. Recorded books and magazines are made available to qualifying applicants, along with assistive

equipment. For more information, or to obtain an application, please call Nancy Brothers, Programming Coordinator, at 847-929-5122.

Low Vision Book Discussions

The Time Traveler's Wife
by Audrey Niffenegger: Wednesday,
November 9, 1:30 pm

This Year Will Be Different by Maeve
Binchy: Wednesday, December 14,
1:30 pm

Note: All Booked Up and Thinking
Out Loud will resume discussions
in January.

Literacy Volunteers Needed

Volunteer to be a literacy tutor and help adults who need to improve their reading and writing skills in order to pursue specific life goals. Call Oakton Community College Alliance for Lifelong Learning at 847-635-1426.

Movies, Munchies & More

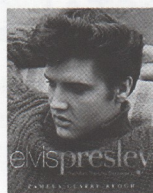
**Tuesdays,
at 11:30 am**

The Library hosts a program that provides entertainment and education, plus light refreshments every Tuesday, at 11:30 am. Film topics range from documentaries to musical performances. You can bring your lunch or just enjoy coffee and a munchie. Live presentations for November and December include:

THE LIFE AND MUSIC OF ELVIS PRESLEY

Tuesday, November 29

Biographer Jack
Diamond presents
the story of how
Elvis Aaron Presley
became known as
the King of Rock



and Roll and how his music continues to influence music and pop culture today.

CHOOSING A MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM

Tuesday, December 6, 11:30

Beginning November 15, Medicare-eligible adults may sign up for prescription drug coverage. To help beneficiaries choose from the many options, Terri Gendel, Benefits Specialist for the Suburban Area Agency on Aging will discuss different features and costs.

ART BEYOND OUR VISION: SATELLITE IMAGERY ARTWORK BY LARRY AMMANN AND STUART BLACK

Presented by Josh Schwartz

Tuesday, December 20

(see details on page 2)

Wired

The Teen Corner

**Club Banzai: Animé film
screening for teens:** *Giant Robo:
The Animation, The Day the Earth
Stood Still, Volume 1*, on Monday,
November 7, at 7 pm. Light snacks
will be served.



Hipmas Carol

**Saturday,
December
17, 2 pm**

The Hipmas Carol is a critically acclaimed comic, poetic reworking of the

Dickens' classic with an original blues guitar accompaniment. The whole family will enjoy this new spin on the holiday classic.

Online Database Evaluation

From time to time, the Morton Grove Public Library considers new online database products to offer patrons. If you are a Morton Grove Public Library card-holder, and would be interested in participating in evaluation of these new products, please stop by the Reference Services Desk or call 847-929-5101 to sign up.

Homebound? We Deliver!

Morton Grove residents who are homebound due to a disability, or recuperating from an illness or surgery, and who cannot get to the Library may qualify for MGPL's Homebound Services. Call Nancy Brothers, Programming Coordinator, at 847-929-5122.

Tales from the Brothers Grimm

Friday, November 11, 2 pm

The Puppet Arte Troupe presents some of the famous stories collected by the Brothers Grimm, including *The Frog Prince* and *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. This classical puppet theatre will delight children and adults alike with its well-crafted puppets and the master puppeteer's brilliant storytelling.

Second Annual Preschool and Day Care Fair

Wednesday, December 7, 7-8 pm

The Youth Services Department is hosting a Preschool and Day Care Fair to be held in the Baxter Room at the Library on Wednesday, December 7, from 7 to 8 pm. Representatives of area establishments providing preschool and day care services will be available to answer questions and provide information about their programs. No registration is required.

Making Reading Easier

The Youth Services Department has revamped the Easy Reader Fiction collection to make it easier for parents and children to choose the "perfect" book.

Easy Reader Fiction is now divided into three reading levels:

- **PreReader (Red star)**
This level is for the child just learning to read (early emergent reader). The books typically have large print with repeated one-syllable words.
- **Beginning Reader (Blue star)**
These books are for the child who has an understanding of the alphabet and early phonics but still may require help reading. (emergent reader)
- **Easy Reader (Yellow Star)**
Easy Readers are for children able to read on their own. These books containing controlled vocabulary range from 1st-3rd grade reading level.

A Phone Call Away

Do you find that there aren't enough hours in the day to do everything you want to do?

The Youth Services Department may be able to help add a few minutes to your busy life. Call 847-929-5102 to request children's materials. Just tell us what you need, the staff will search the catalog for the relevant materials, and set up a time for you to pick them up at the Check-out Desk.

Whether your child is reading for Accelerated Reading points, researching a country, or just looking for a good chapter book to read, the Youth Services Department will help you find just what you and your child need.

Family Reading Night

Thursday, November 17, 6:30 pm

Storyteller Elyne Handler joins us in the Youth Services Department to celebrate Family Reading Night, a statewide celebration of families reading together. Ms. Handler captivates children with riddle stories and folk tales.



Elyne Handler,
Storyteller

Something for ALL ages!

Continuing programs – no registration needed:

Chess Class and Club

Wednesdays, 3:45-4:45. Drop-in. For ages 4-12. Beginners and experienced players are invited for an exciting game of chess.

Drama Club

For ages 6-12, Drop-in. 1st and 3rd Fridays, 4-5 pm. Future actors may practice their acting skills while performing stories from children's books.

Listen Up! - Drop-in Story time

for preschool children and their caregivers. Tuesdays at 10 am. This is a great way to introduce children to group play. Stories and activities will be selected to develop an early love of reading.

Wee Read Lapsit Program for ages 0-24 months. Hear songs, stories and enjoy playtime every Friday at 11 am. Also offered on Saturday, November 26, at 11 am.

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Hi! I'm Webster,
the Youth Services' mascot!
Find me on the Kids'
Webrary and in other
Library publications.



Youth Services Classes

There may still be openings for The Fall Session, which runs to December 1. Call 847-929-5102 or stop by the Youth Services Desk to register.

Library Playtime

2-Year-Olds & Parents or Caregivers
Thursdays, 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 – Kindergarten (please, no underage siblings):
Wednesdays, 10 am
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff

Grades 1 – 2
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm
Class limit – 12

Family Storytime

Stories, Songs and a Craft
All Ages
Thursdays, 6:30 pm

Calendar of Special Events

No Registration Required

November

2	We	3:45-4:45	Chess Club
4	Fr	4-5	Drama Club
9	We	3:45-4:45	Chess Club
11	Fr	2 pm	Tales from Brothers Grimm

14	Mo	Sign up begins for Read to Succeed	
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16	We	3:45-4:45	Chess Club
17	Th	6:30 pm	Family Reading Night
18	Fr	4-5	Drama Club
23	We	3:45-4:45	Chess Club
24	Closed for Thanksgiving		
25	Fr	1 pm	Kidz Kartoonz
26	Sa	11 am	Saturday Wee Read
30	We	3:45-4:45	Chess Club

December

2	Fr	CLOSED for Staff Inservice	
7	We	3:45-4:45	Chess Club
7	We	7-8	Preschool and Day Care Fair
14	We	3:45-4:45	Chess Club
16	Fr	4-5	Drama Club
17	Sa	2 pm	Hipmas Carol
21	We	3:45-4:45	Chess Club
24-26	Closed for Christmas		
28	We	11 am	Kidz Kartoonz
28	We	3:45-4:45	Chess Club
29	Th	2 pm	Popeye & Sweet'Pea

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CALENDAR

Tuesdays at 11:30 am: Movies, Munchies & More

November

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| 1 | Tu | 7pm | Tips & Tricks Using Excel,
Pt. 1: reg. req. |
| 3 | Th | 7 pm | Working with An Architect |
| 6 | Su | 2 pm | Great American Songbook |
| 7 | Mo | 7pm | Club Banzai: Animé Film |
| 8 | Tu | 3:45 pm | Babysitting Basics:
reg. req. |
| 8 | Tu | 7pm | Tips & Tricks Using Excel,
Pt. 2: reg. req. |
| 9 | We | 1:30 pm | Low Vision Book
Discussion |
| 9 | We | 3:45pm | Babysitting Basics:
reg. req. |
| 10 | Th | 7:30pm | Board of Trustees Meeting |
| 12 | Sa | 11am | Gift Shopping Online:
reg. req. |
| 12 | Sa | 2pm | Computer Security |
| 13 | Su | 2pm | Golden Songs of the Silver
Screen |
| 17 | Th | 2 & 7pm | Feature Film |
| 19 | Sa | 10am | Holiday Table Setting:
reg. req. |
| 19 | Sa | 2pm | Gingerbread House
Construction: reg. req. |
| 20 | Su | 2pm | The Lewis and Clark Trail:
American Landscapes |
| 24 | Th | | Closed for Thanksgiving |
| 29 | Tu | 11:30am | Elvis Presley Biography |

December

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| 2 | Fr | | Closed for Staff Inservice Day |
| 4 | Su | 2pm | Family Film |
| 6 | Tu | 11:30 | Choosing a Medicare
Prescription Drug Program |
| 6 | Tu | 7pm | Art beyond Our Vision |
| 8 | Th | 7:30pm | Board of Trustees Meeting |
| 11 | Su | 2pm | Lyric Opera Profile |
| 14 | We | 1:30pm | Low Vision Book
Discussion |
| 15 | Th | 2 & 7pm | Feature Film |
| 16 | Fr | 4pm | Family Film |
| 18 | Su | 2pm | Holiday Concert: Artists in
Resonance |
| 20 | Tu | 11:30am | Art beyond Our Vision |
| 24-26 | | | Closed for Christmas |

Coming in 2006: The Library will be adding wireless Internet access to its computer network. Library users may bring their laptop computers and PDAs equipped with a wireless adapter and have full Internet access from anywhere in the Library.

Check out our complete calendar on the Web at: www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html

FAMILY FILMS

March of the Penguins

(2005, G, 80 min.)
Sunday, December 4, 2 pm
This documentary, narrated by Morgan Freeman, follows a flock of emperor penguins across the Antarctic to their nesting grounds.

A Christmas Story

(2003, PG, 93 min.)
Friday, December 16, 4 pm
Portions of Jean Shepherd's book, *In God We Trust: All Others Pay Cash*, became the screenplay for this very funny semi-autobiographical film about a boy who really, really, really wants a BB gun for Christmas.

KIDZ KARTOONZ

Special days and times for the holiday season.

Polar Express (100 minutes/rated G)

Friday, November 25, at 1 pm
The animated version of Chris Van Allsburg's popular children's book features Tom Hanks as the nominal "star" who performs five different computer-generated characters.

Madagascar (86 minutes/rated PG)

Wednesday, December 28, at 11 am
The penguins steal the show! In the sprightly *Madagascar*, a mid-life crisis inspires Marty the Zebra (voiced by Chris Rock) to escape from his life-long home in a New York zoo.

Find a Novel with NoveList

Having trouble deciding what to read next? Want to know which novel comes next in a series? Do you know the detective's name in a mystery but not the author's name? NoveList can help! In NoveList you can search by subject, plot, setting, character, or series, and find annotations, reviews, and much more for over 120,000 fiction titles. NoveList also includes author read-alikes, book discussion guides, and feature articles. NoveList

FEATURE FILMS

In Good Company

(2005, PG-13, 110 min.)
Thursday, November 17, 2 & 7 pm
Dan (Dennis Quaid) is an advertising sales executive and a dedicated family man. A younger man, Carter (Topher Grace), is hired to replace him. Before long, Dan is forced to be deferential to his new boss, not only at the office, but when Carter begins dating his daughter (Scarlett Johansson).

Cinderella Man

(2005, PG-13, 145 min.)
Thursday, December 15, 2 & 7 pm
Desperate to support his family during the Depression, impoverished boxer Jim Braddock (Russell Crowe) stages a comeback title bout against heavyweight champion Max Baer (Craig Bierko). Renée Zellweger plays Jim's wife and Paul Giamatti is his manager.

CLUB BANZAI

Anime Films for Teens

Giant Robo The Animation: The Day the Earth Stood Still, Volume 1

(2004, NR, 90 min.)
Monday, November 7, 7 pm
With the help of Giant Robo, Daisaku Kusama, the newest member of the Experts of Justice, battles the evil brotherhood, Big Fire.

is available on computers at the Library or on your home computer (MGPL card-holders only) at: databases.webrary.org.

Wanted: Morton Grove Clubs & Organizations

The Library is often asked for information about community groups, and maintains a database of local clubs and organizations. If you would like your group to be included in this list, please email the Reference Desk at info@webrary.org or call 847-929-5101.